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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Last night, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) voted for legislation that would move the Aliquippa - Ambridge Bridge Restoration Project forward after nearly two decades of delays. Under the Surface Transportation Earmark Rescission, Savings and Accountability Act (H.R. 5730), the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) will expedite the obligation process for the \$21 million in federal funding that it received for this project in 1991 to complete it by the end of this year. Construction would then be able to begin within the next few months.

“It is no secret that the Aliquippa-Ambridge bridge is in urgent need of repair,” Congressman Altmire said. “This legislation will help to ensure that after nearly two decades of delays, the Aliquippa-Ambridge Bridge Restoration Project will finally be carried out. In addition to improving public safety, this project will also help to save taxpayer dollars by eliminating the need for costly patchwork improvements to this bridge year after year using state and local funds.”

The Surface Transportation Earmark Rescission, Savings and Accountability Act will also help to reduce America’s federal deficit by rescinding more than \$700 million in unobligated funding for hundreds of transportation projects nationwide that have already been completed, are no longer viable, or have yet to receive matching funds from state and local governments. This legislation passed the House last night by a vote of 394-23 and is expected to pass the Senate later this week.